

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

NICHOLAS THOMAS PRUSINOWSKI,

Defendant.

Case No. 24-171 MLP

DETENTION ORDER

Defendant Nicholas Thomas Prusinowski is charged with conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A), 846. The Court held a detention hearing on March 21, 2024, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1), and based upon the reasons for detention stated in the record and as hereafter set forth below, finds:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

1. The government is entitled to a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1), as Mr. Prusinowski is charged with an offense with a maximum term of ten years or more under the CSA.
2. There is a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of

1 the community pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e).

2 3. Taken as a whole, the record does rebut the presumption that no condition or  
3 combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of Mr.  
4 Prusinowski as required and the safety of the community. Mr. Prusinowski has  
5 almost no criminal history and some of the information he provided to pretrial  
6 services was corroborated by Mr. Prusinowski's contacts.

7 4. Mr. Prusinowski poses a risk of nonappearance due to the lack of a clear release  
8 plan, lack of ties to the district, and unverifiable employment. Mr. Prusinowski  
9 originally stated that he did not have housing, then through counsel, stated that he  
10 had housing but was not able to return to it because he had "borrowed" a car from  
11 the owner that has not been returned, and now states that he has housing with his  
12 girlfriend's aunt. Given these inconsistencies, the Court has concerns regarding  
13 Mr. Prusinowski residence.

14 5. Mr. Prusinowski poses a risk of danger due to the nature of the instant offense.

15 6. Based on these findings, and for the reasons stated on the record, there does not  
16 appear to be any condition or combination of conditions that will reasonably  
17 assure the Mr. Prusinowski's appearance at future court hearings while addressing  
18 the danger to other persons or the community.

19 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

20 (1) Mr. Prusinowski shall be detained pending trial, and committed to the custody of  
21 the Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the  
22 extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in  
23 custody pending appeal;

1 (2) Mr. Prusinowski shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation  
2 with counsel;

3 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the  
4 government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which Mr.  
5 Prusinowski is confined shall deliver Mr. Prusinowski to a United States Marshal  
6 for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding; and

7 (4) The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to  
8 counsel for Mr. Prusinowski, to the United States Marshal, and to the United  
9 States Pretrial Services Officer.

10 Dated this 21st day of March, 2024.

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13 MICHELLE L. PETERSON  
14 United States Magistrate Judge  
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